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LETTER DATED 10 JUNE 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit a copy of two notes verbales with attachments dated 12 May 1996 from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C., to the Embassy of Pakistan, to be forwarded to the United States Department of State, on the violation of territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran by the forces of the United States in the Persian Gulf region.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kamal KHARRAZI
Ambassador
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Annex I

Note verbale dated 17 May 1996 from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C., addressed to the Embassy of Pakistan in Washington, D.C.

The Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C., presents its compliments to the Embassy of Pakistan and has the honour to quote the attached message in two copies, the original text and an unofficial translation, received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. It is respectfully requested that the original text be transmitted to the United States Department of State and our office be informed of their response.

Enclosure

In the Name of the Almighty

According to information received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on 27 January 1996 between the hours 11.30 and 11.45, United States warship Grubkeiv 69GC at the position of 7 miles north of Abuzar oil platform radar locked an Iranian battleship whose position was 2915N and 4927E for a period of one minute. At the same time United States aircraft P3F got closer to the Iranian battleship Tabarzin and locked its radar for a period of one minute.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran protests these illegal activities by the United States Government and calls for an end to such actions.

Annex II

Note verbale dated 17 May 1996 from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C., addressed to the Embassy of Pakistan in Washington, D.C.

The Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C., presents its compliments to the Embassy of Pakistan and has the honour to convey the message received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran in reply to the United States Department of State's note verbale dated 1 September 1995 (a copy of which is enclosed for the Embassy's convenience).

"The United States Government's actions of creating nuisances and violating the airspace and territorial sea of the Islamic Republic of Iran have been a hindrance for the Islamic Republic of Iran's sea patrolling aircraft and helicopters in performing their assigned duties. Such measures are nothing but a clear indication of the violation of the sovereignty of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Among them, on 8 February 1996 an Iranian helicopter with registration mark EP-HTK, in flight from Frouzan oil platform to Bushehr, was forced to return to the platform due to the frequent warnings and preventive measures of United States warships.

"The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, while respecting and complying with the United Nations Security Council resolutions, believes that proper implementation of these resolutions cannot hinder the Islamic Republic of Iran's legitimate measures in its exclusive economic zone."